

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 12-15, 17, 18 and 20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 7, 9, 18 and 20 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 12-15 and 17 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 18.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) do not present any additional claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

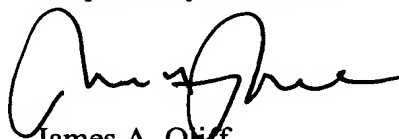
Claims 9-11 and 20-22, directed to a non-elected species, are objected to as being contrary to claims 1 and 12. Claims 9 and 20 have been amended to remove the circular cross section roller, which was in conflict with the sector roller set forth in claims 1 and 12, respectively. However, Applicant maintains the feature of an operative motor coupled to the sheet feed roller. Furthermore, claims 10, 11, 21 and 22 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 7 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 7 and 18 are amended to recite "the disk" and "the rotation sensor" responsive to the rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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